

MRS. WARD WRITES ON VOTES

Novelist Says Women Should Not Have Parliamentary Franchise.

GOVERNMENT RESTS ON FORCE

Ballots Cast by Women Would Be Like Currency Without Gold Reserve Behind It—Local Issues Different.

PARIS, March 14.—Mrs. Humphry Ward has written M. Ferdinand Buisson, the leader in the Chamber of Deputies of the group working actively for women's suffrage, in opposition to giving women parliamentary franchise in either England or France.

While a strong supporter of the municipal vote for women, she declares that parliamentary suffrage "is deprived of its ultimate meaning if it has not the physical force of men behind it" and it should therefore be confined to men only.

"To my mind," she says, "there are at least two insuperable objections to giving the parliamentary franchise to women in England.

"First, it would disturb the relation of the physical force of the country in its political force; and in these days when reform and legislation can be brought about by many other agencies acting upon Parliament, the vote acting as an instrument of government is, in my eyes, very much more important than as an instrument of reform.

"The women's vote in such a country as England, would be like a paper currency with no gold reserve behind it. Considering the tremendous questions, in which great bodies of men are ranged on either side, that have already arisen or are steadily developing with the development of democracy, it seems to me more important than ever that the political vote should indicate where the physical force of the country lies, although, of course, the effort of every good citizen will bring the forces of reason and justice to bear upon that vote.

"Second, in my belief, insuperable objection, so far as England is concerned, is the large preponderance of women over men in England. We have, as you know, a preponderance of 1,250,000 women, and this immensely complicates and strengthens the physical force argument.

"The argument as to the relative political ignorance of women—ignorance dependent on their maternal function—is, in a way, discreditable to them—upon the larger and more external issues on which the nation's very existence may turn, also weighs with me very much. It would be specially dangerous, I think, not so much in dealing with measures as in dealing with men, that is, the selection of a male government to carry out a policy which can only be appreciated or executed by men.

"Adult suffrage, or something near it, is sure to come in England, and if women were included under our constitutional system, the votes of a few districts in which the women's vote predominated might in a time of crisis hand over the government to a majority which would only represent a minority of the male population. It would be easy to name such districts.

"Should Vote on Local Affairs." "None of these objections apply to the local government vote, which depends on delegated powers and applies to social and domestic affairs. It is on this side that I personally hope that the solution of the suffrage question will be found. You have observed that the Ulster question is forcing English opinion in the direction of federalism. To subordinate parliaments in Ireland, one for Scotland and one for Wales, are, at any rate, now matters for discussion, and the crushing weight on the Imperial Parliament, together with the growth and complexity of local administration, will all tend in the same direction; so that in the future some of us may hope to see a clear dividing line between the Imperial Parliament dealing with the great matters of interest and activities of the nation, its military systems, finance, diplomacy, etc., with its franchise and its membership, confined to men, and a great subordinate system, possessed not only by administrative, but of large legislative powers dealing locally with social and domestic affairs, a system in which women should ultimately obtain full equality with men."

Mrs. Ward concludes her letter thus: "Of course, you will have observed that for the present, the militant movement has entirely deserted the hope of the suffragist party, at least for some years to come."

Clinical Congress of Surgeons Meets in London in July

LONDON, March 14.—The Clinical Congress of Surgeons of North America, to be held here during the week beginning July 7, will bring more American and Canadian medical men to London than the World's Medical congress held here last year. The committee on transportation is having difficulty in getting steamship accommodations for the delegates, as they expect to provide for 1,500 travelers over a short period during the busiest time of the transatlantic tourist season.

This will be the fourth congress of the organization, which hitherto always met in America. Dr. Franklin H. Martin of Chicago, secretary general of the Congress, has been in company with Dr. A. D. Ballou, also of Chicago, arranging with the English committee for the program of the congress.

Among the surgeons who have already accepted invitations to address the congress are Dr. Charles H. Mayo, Rochester, Minn.; Dr. John R. Murphy, Chicago; Prof. Tuffier, Paris; Dr. Robert Jones, Liverpool; Dr. G. E. Armstrong, Montreal; Dr. George Emerson Brewer, New York; Dr. E. Wylie Andrews, Chicago.

The American delegates will be welcomed at a formal meeting by Ambassador Walter Hines Page.

Embroidery Special

A fine lot of 27 and 46-in. flouncings in sheer, dainty swiss and organdies, in exquisite patterns and large, showy effects. A big variety of styles, regularly worth \$50 to \$1.35 yard, on sale Monday, \$29c.

BRANDELS STORES

Underwear Special

Women's fine lace vests with hand crocheted yokes and beading tops, with lace-trimmed umbrellas, knee pants to match. These are garments that usually sell at \$30. A special offering for Monday at only 29c.



Fashionseal SUITS \$25.00

These suits need no recommendation—they are known to hundreds of Omaha's discriminating women as the utmost in style and quality at a moderate price. If you will wear one this season you will count you as a permanent and satisfied customer.

The Spring Style Aristocrats--Chosen for Their Beauty

Faultless in Tailoring, Original in Style, Correct in Every Detail.

"Fashionseal" suits embody all that is new, smart and correct for spring. They have the dignity and refinement of style that characterizes the productions of the highest class designers and tailors. They duplicate the beauty and richness of many suits that sell at considerably higher prices.

The new hooded and plaited collar, slit coat backs and crescent coat fronts are all noteworthy. Skirts show the newest ideas in double and triple flounces, ruffles and frills.

Materials are moires, poplins, crepes, serges, checks, stripes and novelty cloths. Favorite colors are navy, wisteria, violet, tango, Labrador blue, mahogany, tan, green and black.



They are the only man-tailored suits for women which successfully combine elegance and individuality with practical utility. Their materials are woven especially for them. None but the cleverest and most authentic style models are represented, and the selection is so varied that any woman may be completely satisfied. All sizes for women and misses.



Exclusive Afternoon, Evening and Party Frocks

This season the creators of fashions have gone back to the "days before the war" and to the Napoleonic period for their inspiration in dresses.

Our dress section reflects these alluring styles in hundreds of garments. The new straight lines, with deep cut Raglan or elephant trunk sleeves, the Medici and Napoleonic collars, lace vests and shadowed camisoles are interesting developments of these motives. Skirts have bustle effects, draped shawls, double and triple draped pannier flounces.

An endless variety of fine silks in the best shades at \$19, \$25, \$29, \$35, \$39 and \$49.

An Elaborate Display of New Blouses and Waists

Several radical departures are particularly noticeable in the new waists. The sleeves now constitute a large portion of the blouses—they begin at the waist, usurp most of the back and end only at the collar.

Unusual are the combinations of the different crepe weaves, with volles and various kinds of laces. Beaded trimmings and embroideries are used, as are the Val, fillet, needlepoint and shadow laces.

Nothing is used except the softest, sheerest, drapery fabrics, and the colors are delicate in the extreme. A selection here that has no equal west of Chicago. Prices range from \$5 to \$35.

R. & G. Corsets are Preferred by Women of Fashion

Among women of fashion who give proper attention to correct and scientific corseting, the R. & G. is recognized as one of the very best corsets that can be had. They are ideally adapted to the molding of the figure in the very unrestricted lines now demanded by fashion.

R. & G. are comfortable for lounging, trim for walking, stylish and graceful for evening wear. They meet every requirement of the discriminating woman. Our stock of R. & G. corsets is sufficiently large to enable our expert fitters to meet your needs exactly.

A model suitable for misses and especially good for dancing; has low top, long skirt, with only front and back steel. One bone in side to give the needed support. These are priced at \$2.

For the stout figure there are R. & G. Corsets designed particularly for comfort and symmetrical lines. These are to be had at prices from \$1 to \$5.

Monday Specials in Notions. J. O. King's 200-yard spool thread, dozen, 19c. Pearl buttons at three dozen for 5c. 24-yard rolls tape at, the roll, 6c. Featherstitched braid, worth to 15c a bolt, Monday, bolt, 5c.

Women's New Low Heel Pumps

Here's cleverly designed style that will appeal to women who demand smartness in dress. It is one of the newest models of the season, and has many features not shown previously. The popular English flat last, with flat bow. Made of patent leather or dull calfskin, in perfect fitting lasts. All sizes and widths, Monday at \$3.95. —Main Floor.

Our Leadership in Silks and Dress Goods is Unquestioned

The dominating position this store holds in the silk and dress goods trade is given further emphasis in the magnificent display now ready here. In all the middle west you will find no selections to compare with these. Nowhere will you find such exquisite styles or such thorough reliability of quality, and the best of all is that you can save money by purchasing here.

- Chiffon Taffetas. Yard wide imported dress taffetas, in a full array of French colorings. Desirable for street frocks, Montecarlo, Bleu, Aigue, Marine, Palerme, Asperre, Abanthe, Bois and all the smart shade combinations. Special price, yard, \$1.50.
36-Inch Chiffon Taffeta, \$1.25. A very popular fabric for smart street dresses. A special feature of our stock is black chiffon taffeta in the richest soft finish, giving the gown just the right style. All 36 inches wide. Excellent quality chiffon finish. An unusual value at, yard, \$1.35.
40-Inch moire rennaissance, moire Francoise, moire velours, with plain materials to match, a selection complete in every detail. Priced from \$1.95 to \$2.50 a yard.
Satin Bedford Cords. A new 54-inch tailor suit—ling just received. Shown in slight of the smart, new and combination plaids in the new tango, green and blue, tan and green king blue and Copenhagen, gray and violet, at, yard, \$1.50, \$1.95, \$2.95 and \$3.50.
New Washable Silks. For the coming week we hold a special display of tub silks for spring. Yard wide, crepe and Habutai, in beautiful 2 and 3-tone effects. Also many self tones, such as blue, beige, greens, mauve, etc. Exceptionally good values at, yard, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00.
Silks on bargain squares, 5,000 yards, including all kinds of fancy dress silks, plain weaves, foulards, cutting silks, messalines, etc., at \$2c, \$3c and \$4c.
Costume Serges. Fully sponged and shrunk 54-inch serge, \$1.50.
Wool Crepes. Stunning 50 and 54-inch Tokyo wool crepe suitings, crepe sponges and crepe Alger for tailor suits at \$1.95 and \$2.50.
Dress Trimmings. 12, 18 and 27-inch beaded flouncings, in all the new shades—tango, new blue and light iridescent shades. Rhinestone edges and bands, brilliant beaded butterflies, jet bands, edges and galleons, sparkling bands, pearl edges, bands and ornaments, new rose trimmings, beaded tassels, buckles and medallions. Roman pearl buttons, butterfly and crystal buttons. Buttons of over a thousand kinds now ready.

You Could Ask for No Finer Display of Laces

Never have we shown such exquisitely dainty effects in laces as now. The new soft chantilly, filmy shadow, point laces, princess, point Alencon, point Magot and the soft lamine laces, including beautifully embroidered net flouncings and all-overs, in white, cream and dainty colors. Also gold and silver laces, in solid metallic effects or applied on soft nets. Among the favored laces now in such great demand for plainings we show an attractive line of black chantilly and shadow laces, colored chiffon and net edges. 18, 24 and 27-inch shadow and embroidered lace nets and chantilly flouncings, 18, 25 and 43-inch embroidered nets. Black silk nets, 42-inch lamine all-overs. Flowered nets. A big special lot Monday 69c on our Main Floor.

The Hats Are Different in Every Feature

Even the manner of wearing them has altered sharply from and mode in vogue for a number of years past. Where recently the hat was pulled snugly down upon the head from behind, now it slants sharply forward from a high bandeau at the back.

New Shapes. The paintings of the early eighteenth century artist, Watteau, have had much influence on the styles of this season, and the Watteau tilt, if it may be so termed, is the most notable feature in the new millinery. In addition, a variety of other attractive shapes, new this season, are at the disposition of all who seek them.

New Trims. In trimmings, the change is as radical as in shapes. Flowers easily take precedence—wreaths, garlands, sprays and bunches—and all in a wonderful profusion of colors. The art of the milliner lies this spring in the ability to blend and harmonize these brilliant colors, first with the hat itself, then with the small fruits, ribbons and flowers. The hats are mainly dark—to serve as a foil or foundation against which to set off the wonderful contrasts in color tones.

The woman who considers all these fine points of style in their true importance is the one who will most appreciate the magnificent displays of spring hats now ready at Brandels.



New Spring Draperies

Quaker lace curtains. Over 75 new spring patterns in white, ivory or Egyptian color; pair, \$1.98 and \$2.98. Cluny curtains, with pretty 2-inch lines lace edge, 35 inches wide. Regular a pair at \$1.50; Monday, pair, \$1.30. Etamine curtains in ivory color, trimmed with a neat edge. Worth \$1.50. Special Monday, pr. 98c. 36-inch matting covered shirt waist boxes. Regularly priced at \$4.00; special Monday, \$3.35.

New cretonnes, 100 new pieces. Worth to 35c, at, yard, 25c. Best oil opaque window shades, 3x7 feet. Complete, each, 45c. Sunproof madras for overcurtains. All colors; special Monday, yard, 50c. Our spring stock is now complete, comprising scrim, madras, cretonne, swisses, tapestries, cedar chest, portieres and couch covers.

We Are Expert Picture Framers

We frame your pictures in the artistic "Art Craft Guild" frames at a cost even less than you would pay ordinary framers for ordinary frames. "Art Craft Guild" frames are recognized as the best that can be had. Every frame is guaranteed for five years. These high grade frames can be had in Omaha only at Brandels. We have them in hundreds of different styles, assuring an appropriate frame for every picture. (Third Floor.)

Wash Fabrics for Every Conceivable Use--the Best Stock We've Ever Had

- Gelina, the new fabric for spring and summer wear. Rose, tan, light blue, Copenhagen and white, 27 inches wide, yard, 25c.
40-Inch Voiles. A notable collection in pretty floral designs, stripes, borders, tinted grounds, etc., yd., 25c.
Flaxon. This dainty, cool fabric will be very popular for summer dresses and children's frocks. An endless variety of pretty printed patterns in new colorings. Sold every where at 15c a yard, 25 inches wide. On sale from the bolt, at, yd., 10c.
White Flashed Voiles in neat stripes and checked effects. Very sheer fabric. 40 inches wide, yard, 25c.
French Cotton Crepe, 40 inches wide and 11 quality, yd., 60c.
A splendid assortment of imported and American madras cloths, ginghams, juvenile suiting fabrics, rough and tumble cloths, galatea, nurse ginghams, chambray ginghams, apron ginghams and serpentine crepe will be found at this department. There is beauty and durability in every inch. Priced at 75c, 85c, 10c, 12 1/2c and up to 50c yard.
Cotton Crepes, 30 inches wide. Pretty floral and figured designs on light and tinted grounds. Sold every where in 18c grade in dress lengths, on bargain square Monday at, yard, 10c.
Muslins. Thousands of yards of soft finished bleached muslin and long cloth. Remnants and bolt to buy from. On bargain square 45 inches wide and at, yard, 5c.
Imperial Long Cloth, "Pointer brand. Best material for making undershirts, chambray finish. 25 inches wide, 12-yard bolts, 95c.
Imperial Long Cloth. A special number made from fine combed yarn. Very soft and contains no filling. Regularly worth 18c a yard; Monday 12-yard bolts 25-inch width for \$1.49.
White Cloth, 45 inches wide and a regular 35c value, yard, 18c.
Stork Sheeting. Absolutely waterproof. Thin, white, soft and pliable. A proof against sweating or cracking. A boon to the nursery. Priced in the basement at, yard, \$1.
Prints. Durable lengths in full standard quality. Thousands of yards on bargain square, Monday at, yard, 4/20.

Great Sale of Linoleums

Two Car Loads Bought at a Great Discount go on Sale Tomorrow at the Lowest Prices Ever Known in Omaha.

Many of our customers will consider this one of the most important announcements we have made this spring, because of the great magnitude of the stocks concerned, their excellent qualities and pleasing patterns, and above all, because of the seasonally low prices it offers. If you are in need of Linoleums or Floor Oil Cloth, you will find in one of these six groups just what you want and at a price far less than you'd expect to pay. Printed patterns, tile, inlaid, woods, florals, matting and blue and white patterns. Be sure to bring exact measurements of your rooms.

- All the 6 ft. wide Linoleums worth to 75c square yard will be sold at— 39c Square Yard
All the 12 ft. wide Linoleums worth to 85c square yard will be sold at— 49c Square Yard
All the remnants of Linoleum worth to 75c will be sold at— 29c Square Yard
All the Floor Oil Cloth worth to 40c, 1 1/4 and 2 yards wide, will be sold at— 25c Square Yard
All the remnants of Floor Oil Cloth will be sold at— 19c Square Yard
All the genuine Inlaid Linoleum worth to \$1.50 per square yard, will be sold at— \$1 Square Yard

Sale of Towels

50c Towels, 29c. Extra heavy, double ply Turkish towels. Large size, with name. All white. Towels formerly priced at 50c, but very slightly imperfect. Special for Monday, 29c at.
25c Towels, 12 1/2c. Initial guest towels. All pure linen, with all initials, size 14x24. Regularly worth 25c. Limit six to a customer at.
White blank towels with 9-inch and 18-inch borders to match; regular 120 grade; can be used for parlor, dining room and hall; Monday, roll, 5/20.
50c two-tone oatmeal papers, English engraved grass cloth and Tiffany blends; special for Monday at, roll, 2/70.
Plain imported oatmeal papers, in all new 1914 shades, 30 inches wide; regular 35c kind; Monday at, roll, 2/10.
Varnished tile paper, the washable kind, for bath room, dining room; regular 25c value; Monday, roll, 1/40.

Important Sale of Wall Paper

Big special purchases from an eastern mill enable us to offer sensational savings on high grade wall papers just at the time when you are preparing for your spring papering. Every item will save you money. 10 patterns of regular 6c paper, suitable for bedrooms and kitchens, with borders to match, roll, Monday, 2 1/20. 20c heavy gold combination papers, good colorings and designs for living rooms, etc. Specially priced for this sale at, roll, 1/10. New bedroom papers in floral and stripe patterns, with cut out borders to match; regular 25c value, Monday, roll, 9c. 10,000 rolls regular 15c parlor, hall and store papers, all colors, Monday, roll, 7 1/20. White blank towels with 9-inch and 18-inch borders to match; regular 120 grade; can be used for parlor, dining room and hall; Monday, roll, 5/20. 50c two-tone oatmeal papers, English engraved grass cloth and Tiffany blends; special for Monday at, roll, 2/70. Plain imported oatmeal papers, in all new 1914 shades, 30 inches wide; regular 35c kind; Monday at, roll, 2/10. Varnished tile paper, the washable kind, for bath room, dining room; regular 25c value; Monday, roll, 1/40.